

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Dennis L. Fish, District No. 5

A **special meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, met on **Monday, November 10, 2003**, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 8:38 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Dennis L. Fish, Council Member District No. 5, Chairman; Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, Council Member District No. 2; Mr. William E. Crosby, Council Member District No. 3; Mrs. Judy C. Mims, Council Member District No. 6; Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council Member District No. 7; Mr. Steve C. Davis, Council Member District No. 8; Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio; Mr. D. Mark Stokes, County Attorney; and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk of County Council. Mr. Milton Farley, Council Member District No. 1, and Mr. Charles E. Davis, Council Member District No. 4, were excused from the meeting.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, the Berkeley County Library, and mailed to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Chairman Fish called the meeting to order.

A. Consideration prior to **First Reading** of an **ordinance** authorizing economic development incentives, including lease purchase agreement, between Berkeley County, South Carolina, and **BP Amoco Chemical Company**, whereby Berkeley County will enter into an arrangement for payments in lieu of property taxes; and other related matters.

It was moved by Council Member Pinckney and seconded by Council Member Crosby to send the ordinance authorizing economic development incentives between Berkeley County and BP Amoco Chemical Company forward to Council for first reading. This motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Review prior to **Second Reading** of the following:

1. Bill No. 03-71, an **Ordinance** to amend the Budget of the **Berkeley County Special Fire Tax District**, Ordinance Number 03-06-37, by providing for distributions of fire fees other than those previously approved and to further clarify other matters relating thereto.

Council Member Pinckney asked for clarification on the \$10.00 increase, stating there had been changes from the original \$8.00/\$2.00 split.

Chairman Fish stated it had been a \$8.00/\$2.00 split, but after meetings with the fire departments, Special Advisory Committee and Finance, the request was for it to be changed to a \$5.00/\$5.00 split, as opposed to the \$8.00/\$2.00 for the next two years. At the end of two years, the \$10.00 would change to \$9.00 directly to the departments, and \$1.00 to the Fire Advisory Committee. The \$9.00/\$1.00 split would remain in effect until Council desired to change it. With regard to the \$5.00/\$5.00 split, a lot of that money had already been advanced from the County General Fund in anticipation of taxes being collected. The \$5.00 would be returned as payback for monies that had been advanced to departments.

Supervisor Rozier stated the \$5.00/\$5.00 split was the only split in this Bill No. 03-71.

Council Member Fish asked if the \$9.00/\$1.00 split could be included in Bill No. 03-71.

County Attorney Mark Stokes stated this could not be done, because this was a budget action. The budget would have to be passed, and it would have to be done again next year.

Supervisor Rozier stated the \$5.00/\$5.00 split would be for two years, because the same Council would approve next year's budget.

It was moved by Council Member Crosby and seconded by Council Member Spooner to send Bill No. 03-71 forward to Council for second reading. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

It was moved by Council Member Spooner and seconded by Council Member Crosby to adjourn the special meeting of the Committee on Finance. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

December 15, 2003
Date Approved

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Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio

A **special meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, will be held on **Monday November 10, 2003**, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, immediately following the meeting of the Committee on Land Use, the Committee on Water and Sanitation, the Committee on Public Works and Purchasing, the Committee on Committee on Planning and Development and the Committee on Justice and Public Safety at **6:00 pm**.

AGENDA

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November 5, 2003
S/Barbara B. Austin
Clerk of County Council